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*"A society without history cannot understand what it is doing;
and history without scholarship cannot understand itself."*

—Gilbert Murray.

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"A HERITAGE WORTH THE BATTLE"

BEING THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT TO THE
CHURCH HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR 1944

"Men will battle for a rich heritage."—Professor Frank J. Klingberg.

This statement of the Professor of History in the University of California at Los Angeles, and one of the Society's Managers, written in a personal letter to your president, is profoundly true; but the context of the letter from which it is taken, rightly implies that men must know and appreciate how rich that heritage is in order to do battle for it.

The generation of clergy in which your president belongs was never taught either in college or seminary that their heritage as American Episcopalians was particularly rich, except as that heritage antedated American history in the Church of England and the Holy Catholic Church.

Quite the contrary in so far as the American Episcopal Church was concerned. Colleges and universities, whether ecclesiastical or secular, had almost nothing to say in their American history courses about the part played by religion in the development of the United States. Why should they, since the churches themselves appeared so indifferent to their heritage and to the contributions they had made to American history? Why should they, since the theological seminaries, which ought to be centers of productive scholarship, were making almost no contributions to American Church history?

When I entered the theological seminary almost thirty years ago, the treatment of American Church history in all of them (to the best of my knowledge) was so brief and thin that the clergy of my generation not only learned little of the history of the American Episcopal Church, but much of what they did learn was distorted. The very few text-

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(REV.) WALTER H. STOWE
President

"Perhaps no one of the Christian organizations of America came out of the war in a more forlorn condition than the Episcopalians. . . . The extreme depression of the Protestant Episcopal and . . . of the Roman Catholic Church, at this point of time, emphasizes all the more the great advances made by both these communions from this time forward."

They failed to grasp the fact that the American Episcopal Church in its development of a democratic yet aggressive episcopate, of self-support, of self-government through synodal assemblies wherein the laity were given direct representation, was a laboratory for the world-wide expansion of the Anglican Communion; that every major national or provincial church of the Anglican Communion began with state aid which was later withdrawn; and that all, almost without exception, found in the example of the American Church their inspiration for both self-support and self-government.

In 1892 Frederic Cook Morehouse, destined to be one of the most distinguished laymen of the Episcopal Church and for thirty-two years editor of the *Living Church*, wrote in the preface to his *Some American Churchmen*:

"It seems unfortunate that so little is recorded in permanent form, of those characters who have played the greatest parts in the history of the American Church. Not only has the Church in this country, during the brief period of its history, produced men of intellectual and administrative ability, but it seems, upon investigation, that the number of men who might really be termed *great*, has been not a few. Of these, strange to say, the younger generation, with whom the author is numbered, know almost nothing; and the few works of history and biography which cover the period of their lives, are, for the most part, so obscure and scarce, that the controversies and the conflicts, with the men who, under the Almighty Head, made the Church what it is today, are well-nigh forgotten.
...

It is to Mr. Morehouse's credit that he did something about it. His ten biographical sketches are still good reading.

From the death of Bishop William Stevens Perry in 1898, by far the most productive of our Church's historians, a whole generation of thirty-three years elapsed before any concerted effort, official or semi-official, was begun to expound the rich heritage of the American Church and to make understandable how "the great advances" (as they were termed by Dr. Bacon) had been made.

To be sure, individuals here and there were laboring in the field, more or less in isolation. Some parish histories and several good clerical

biographies were being written. Some valuable diocesan histories were being published, notably, Charles W. Hayes, *The Diocese of Western New York* (1904); Jonathan W. Miller, *History of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania (1871-1909) and the Diocese of Harrisburg (1904-1909)*, 2 volumes (1909); George C. Tanner, *Fifty Years of Church Work in the Diocese of Minnesota* (1909); D. O. Kelley, *History of the Diocese of California* (1915); and at the very end of the period, George Franklin Smythe, *A History of the Diocese of Ohio* (1931). In 1912 Bishop Joseph B. Cheshire published his authoritative work, *The Church in the Confederate States*. Arthur Lowndes was editing with great care the *Archives of General Convention*, but with the death of the project's patron, J. Pierpont Morgan, in 1913, publication came to an end and the work has never been completed. William Ives Rutter, Jr., was salvaging pamphlets, books and records from destruction and initiating the organization of the Church Historical Society, which was finally accomplished entirely by laymen in 1910; but for thirty years the Society was to have very feeble support.

It is now clear that the General Convention of 1931 was a turning point in the history of making known the rich heritage of the Episcopal Church. To Dr. E. Clowes Chorley, Historiographer of the Church, must go the chief credit for initiating the publication of *Historical Magazine* and for securing the necessary authorization from the General Convention. Published by a Joint Committee of General Convention with Dr. Chorley as Editor-in-Chief, as he is today, the first number of Volume I appeared in March, 1932. It has appeared quarterly ever since without interruption, and thirteen volumes comprising a total of over 4,600 pages illuminating the many phases of our Church's history and biography have been published to date. On four counts the Church is entitled to a proper pride in its *Historical Magazine*:

(1) It is a powerful factor in making alive our Church's heritage.

(2) It is stimulating historical scholarship among bishops, priests and laymen, by affording them a means of publication.

(3) It is unique among all the publications of the Anglican Communion. Not even the mother Church of England, to whose scholarship the American Church has always been deeply indebted, has a comparable organ.

(4) It has the appreciative support of the General Convention, which votes an annual appropriation. In this it reflects special credit upon the laity, for the Committee on Expenses of the House of Deputies, which recommends the appropriation, is controlled by laymen.

The General Convention of 1934 further extended and strengthened the Church's appreciation of its heritage. First, the Church Historical Society held there its first General Convention exhibit, carefully arranged by our Librarian and Secretary. It was a marked success. Second, in the throes of our country's worst depression the General Convention voted its first appropriation to the *Historical Magazine*. In retrospect this strikes one as significant. In a period of retrenchment and pessimism it was a call to the Church to remember its heritage and that it had triumphed over far worse conditions, as the Bishop Seabury Sesquicentennial Number which appeared just prior to the convening of the Convention clearly showed. Third, Dr. William Wilson Manross' *A History of the American Episcopal Church* made its appearance. This work, based on sound and original research and freshly written from the sources, is now the standard one volume history of the subject.

Since then the Society has lengthened its cords and strengthened its stakes. Its membership has grown and so has the Church's appreciation of its services. It is the spearhead of a movement to reclaim and make alive our rich heritage. The propagation of historical truth not only strengthens the arm of the Church; it is necessary to the realization of the Church's mission. Recognition of this came in 1940 when the Society became the

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The Society's work in the fulfillment of its threefold task as a repository of historical documents, as a clearing house for information, and as a publisher of worthy historical volumes, has expanded greatly. Readers of *The Historiographer* are well aware of this fact, and the Librarian's report for the year just closed will reenforce it.

Appended to this report, and published in the last pages of this issue of *The Historiographer*, is a list of publications between 1930 and 1945, dealing with various phases of the history and biography of the Episcopal Church. No comparable period has produced so many volumes of such merit. Most of them have been reviewed in *Historical Magazine*. The list will indicate how rich is our Church's heritage, and that it is indeed "a heritage worth the battle."

In conclusion, I wish to express to our Librarian and Treasurer the appreciation of all of us for the high character of the service he renders the Society and the cause the Society serves—for his graciousness, his efficiency, and his unremitting toil. It was a great satisfaction to his colleagues that his person and service received signal recognition last spring in the bestowal upon him by the Philadelphia Divinity School of the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. We tender to him our sincere congratulations, our affection, and our best wishes for continued good health.

WALTER H. STOWE, *President.*

January 18, 1945.

A PARABLE FROM THE FIELD OF MUSIC

Serge Koussevitzky, the Boston Symphony's great conductor, has stated in his article, "American Composers," *Life Magazine*, April 24, 1944, p. 55:

"Another composer I found in Boston was Walter Piston. He had composed only a single orchestral work. I asked him why he hadn't composed another.

" 'Why should I?' he replied. 'Nobody would play it.'

" 'I would,' I said.

"Four months later Piston brought me a suite for orchestra. Not all of it was good, but the second movement was extraordinarily fine. I performed it. A year later he wrote another new work, a much better one in every way. We played that one too. Piston wrote a third work, a concerto for orchestra. With that concerto he established his name as one of the leading composers in America. When (Edward Burlingame) Hill retired as head of the music department at Harvard, Piston took his place.

"Only a composer knows what a composer suffers when he hasn't the chance to hear his music. Schubert never heard his own great seventh symphony. The first performance was given 12 years after his death. When a composer knows he can hear his music, he has a greater incentive to write."

This is a parable almost completely applicable to scholarship, and more particularly to that in the American Episcopal Church which is concerned with the history of this Church. When a scholar knows that he can get his articles or his books published, he has a greater incentive to write. *HISTORICAL MAGAZINE* exists to publish his historical articles; the Church Historical Society, to publish his historical books. Both the Magazine and the Society have justified their existence on this score alone.

Dr. Koussevitzky says something else (p. 62) which we as a Church ought to lay seriously to heart:

"We deplore the tragic instances in the past of great composers who lived and died in privation and obscurity. If the present-day composer is not dying of heartbreak and hunger, he has nevertheless to earn his living in other ways than through his God-given gift. As a composer, he cannot make a living. He is forced to

crowd his days with trifling duties which kill his time and energy and stifle his creative impulse. If his present-day life is less tragic than his predecessors', it is still hard, unfair and maladjusted.

"We blush when we read that Mozart died hungry and was buried in a pauper's grave. We must take measures to insure that coming generations will not in turn blush for our failure to accord justice to our creative artists. A far-reaching and wise plan must be worked out to establish a permanent composers' fund which will cover the essential and immediate needs of the living American composer."

A slight paraphrase of the above passage will depict almost exactly the condition of the scholar in the American Episcopal Church:

"He has to earn his living in other ways than through his God-given gift. He is forced to crowd his days with trifling duties which kill his time and energy and stifle his creative impulse. We must take measures to insure that coming generations will not in turn blush for our failure to accord justice to our creative scholars."

Our theological seminaries are undermanned and the faculties poorly paid. Each teacher is loaded with two or three subjects, any one of which is worthy of his full time and energy. How can there be productive scholarship under such conditions?

To further scholarship in the field of American Church history, the Church Historical Society ought to be in a position to offer fellowships, comparable to the Guggenheim Fellowships or to those of the Institute of Advanced Study at Princeton, which would enable historical students of proved worth and ability to devote one or two years exclusively to research in their chosen fields; or to obtain research assistance, such as the American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, provides under certain conditions.

I appeal to our members and our friends to consider this vital matter seriously in the making of their wills, and to remember that the Church Historical Society is duly incorporated and is a going concern, capable of executing such a plan.

WALTER H. STOWE.

FROM THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

The following fifteen members of the Society are serving as Chaplains in the armed service of the United States:

The Reverend Joseph Buchanan Bernardin, Th. D.
 Wood Bowyer Carper, Jr.
 Matthew Anthony Curry
 Edward Hendres Harrison
 Ernest Morton Hoyt
 LeRoy D. Lawson
 Charles Leel
 John Chauncey Wolcott Linsley
 Edgar Legare Pennington, S. T. D.
 Lauriston Livingston Scaife, S. T. D.
 Bertram Leon Smith
 Kenneth Malcolm Sowers
 Albert Rhett Stuart, D. D.
 Oscar Clinton Taylor
 Bradford Harold Tite

The nine new members enrolled during the past year are:

1944, Jan.	26—Mrs. George H. Benshader,	Portland, Oregon
"	"—Rev. Churchill J. Gibson,	D. D., Richmond, Virginia
Mch.	3—Rev. Vincent Fowler Pottle,	Philadelphia
May	30—Rev. James W. F. Carman,	Pueblo, Colorado
"	"—Prof. Richard G. Salomon,	Gambier, Ohio
Sept.	9—Randolph G. Adams,	Ann Arbor, Michigan
"	"—Mrs. P. Richard Jameson,	Rochester, New York
Dec.	30—Robert J. Bennett,	Philadelphia
"	"—Rev. Frederick Ward Kates,	Oswego, New York

The present active membership is made up as follows:

Annual Members	276
Life Members	134
Grand Total	410

We ought to have 1,000 members. Nominations for membership of clergymen, laymen, or laywomen who might be interested in the work of the Society should be sent to the Secretary.

WILLIAM IVES RUTTER, JR.,
Secretary.

January 18, 1945.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1944

The year 1944, at the Library, has been replete with activity, interest and progress; and, from the many requests for source information, research, and other data, it is evident that the usefulness and appreciation of the Society have greatly increased throughout the Church.

SERVICES RENDERED

ADDITIONAL SPACE

The first item of note, is the action of the committee, appointed at the last meeting, to procure additional space. From that committee's report it will be noted that such space has been secured, which provides some 500 feet of shelf room. The room is to be used for duplicate material, special pamphlets, work-shop for mailing and repairs to books, and also as a room for visitors in search of information.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Requests for information and research have been responded to from the States of Alabama, California, Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, Oregon, Texas and Wisconsin. Such inquiries range from requests for pictures of churches, bishops and other clergymen, to biographical notes of the clergy, mostly of dates one hundred or more years ago; historical notes and genealogy. Replying to some of the inquiries, the Librarian acknowledges, with thanks, assistance of the President, and the Reverend Drs. Muller and Cameron.

VISITORS

Visitors have increased in number, each leaving with the information sought. Notable among these were:

Miss Butterworth, Philadelphia, in quest of material from which to prepare the history of Calvary Church, Rockdale, Pennsylvania. We also supplied her with biographical notes of the rectors of that parish, covering the period of 100 years.

Mr. M. P. McGeehan, Philadelphia, spent a day, leaving with items not found elsewhere.

Mr. J. E. Ford, Philadelphia, made two visits for data concerning the Reverend Thomas Barton, S. P. G. missionary, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Professor R. G. Salomon, Kenyon College, devoted a whole day to study of the manuscripts of Bishop Philander Chase, and other records concerning him. He borrowed some 26 such manuscripts to photostat. He has acknowledged the great value of his search, and, with return of the originals, included photostat copies of the borrowed letters for our file.

The late Reverend Percy A. Smith was preparing a biography of Bishop C. M. Williams, first Bishop of Japan, with the approval of the Presiding Bishop. He spent a week going over old records, and was planning another visit in the spring. It is to be hoped that his work can be taken up by another, and brought to completion.

OTHER SERVICES

Material from duplicate files has been loaned to the following: the Rev. Franklin C. Smith, Grand Rapids, for a history of the Diocese of Western Michigan; the Rev. Percy A. Smith, Ohio; the Rev. E. Clowes Chorley, D. D., Garrison, N. Y.; the Rev. Sidney A. Temple, New York City.

Co-operating with our valued member, the Hon. Alexander B. Andrews, Raleigh, North Carolina, we aided in completing the file of General Convention *Journals* for the Divinity School, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina.

Two clergymen and divinity students were given certain books not needed by our library, but of value to their libraries.

Secured for the Virginia Seminary Library needed books, on the request of Dean Zabriskie.

Supplied the late Reverend Dr. Ayer with the publications of the Society, to complete the file in the Yarnall Library, for which we received others in exchange.

To the Seamen's Church Institute, New York and Philadelphia, we supplied duplicate copies of periodicals pertinent to that work.

To Dr. Kenneth Cameron, member, Raleigh, North Carolina, a pamphlet wanted by him.

To Bishop Bentley, of Alaska, copies of the *Alaskan Calendar*, and other items he did not have.

To Bishop Jackson, of Louisiana, loaned our half-tone cut of Bishop Polk, for use in connection with an anniversary planned in that diocese.

Secured for Mr. William P. Harbison, Philadelphia, pictures of several churches of a period he is interested in.

Several contacts have been made with libraries and State Historical Societies, for exchange of publications to mutual advantage.

SALES

Sales of publications, other books, and pamphlets, have been:

To the School of Religion, Butler University, Indianapolis, a complete set of the Society's publications. We submitted by request, a list of available books concerning the Church. That School is planning a section on the Church in their library.

To the Free Library of Philadelphia, 50 bound volumes of the *Spirit of Missions*, of early dates. We added, as a gift, six volumes of later dates, in single form.

To Duke University Library, *Journals* and *Annals* on order.

Of our own publications the record is thus:

(Stowe) <i>The Life and Letters of Bishop Williams</i>	
<i>White</i>	2 copies
(Pennington) <i>The Apostle of New Jersey</i>	2 copies
(Klingberg) <i>Anglican Humanitarianism in Colonial</i>	
<i>New York</i>	4 copies
(DeMille) <i>The Catholic Movement in the American</i>	
<i>Episcopal Church</i>	14 copies
(Zabriskie) <i>Anglican Evangelicalism</i>	158 copies

In these sales, orders from Canada, England and Australia were filled. *Thomas Bray* has been ordered from England.

OUR LATEST PUBLICATION

Our latest publication, *The Episcopal Church—A Miniature History*, is being well received both by words of commendation and by sales. Of the first printing of 10,000 copies, the Presiding Bishop's Committee on Laymen's Work purchased 8,000 copies. This demand, in addition to the encouraging sales direct from the Library, necessitated an immediate second printing of 10,000 copies, making a total of 20,000 copies within three months.

It is of interest to note that one parish ordered 100 copies for use in the Every Member Canvass. One clergyman asked for a hurried delivery that he might present a copy to each of his confirmation candidates. This brochure has also gone to Canada, England, and Scotland.

An interesting and perhaps important item is the suggestion of the Archdeacon of Camaguey, Cuba, the Venerable J. H. Townsend, a member of the Society, that this brochure be translated into Spanish and published for the use of our Spanish speaking missions. The President has this under consideration.

LIBRARY ASSISTANCE

During the summer we were very fortunate in having the services of two divinity students in collating and listing the National Council's documents in our care. One of these men continues with us in his spare time at a modest hourly rate. Encouraging progress has been made, but properly to catalogue the contents of our Library, now growing at a very rapid rate, some full-time library assistance will soon have to be provided.

COMMUNICATIONS

During the year there passed over the Librarian's desk typed communications to the number of 1,166. These consisted of inquiries, requests for historical and biographical data (often involving considerable research), acknowledgment of gifts, and invoices of sales.

ACCESSIONS

Both gifts and purchases during the year have been many, some new, some old, some very rare. The list is too long for complete details. We shall, therefore, give a few highlights.

PURCHASES

LAWRENCE, ALBERTA (editor),

Who's Who Among North American Authors (Los Angeles),
3 vols.

Original Narratives of Early American History (New York), 19 vols.

- BOUCHER, JONATHAN,
Reminiscences of an American Loyalist, 1738-1789 (Boston and New York, 1915).
- JENKINS, THOMAS,
The Man of Alaska: Peter Trimble Rowe (New York, 1943).
- SCHLESINGER, A. M., and FOX, DIXON R. (editors),
A History of American Life (New York, 1944), 12 vols.
- STEVENS, W. BERTRAND,
Victorious Mountaineer (Louisville, 1943).
- UTLEY, G. B.,
The Life and Times of Thomas John Claggett (Chicago, 1913).
Who Was Who in America, 1897-1943 (Chicago, 1943).
- WRIGHT, JOHN,
Early Prayer Books of America (St. Paul, Minn., 1896).

GIFTS

- Centennial of Bishop Alexander, First Anglican Bishop in Jerusalem* (brochure). Gift of the Rev. Canon Charles T. Bridgeman, S. T. D.
- Commonplace Book of the Rev. Robert Blackwell, 1771* (Ms. bound copy). Gift of Mr. Willing Spencer.
- BROWNE, LEWIS B.,
Historical Sketch of St. John's Church, Havre De Grasse, Maryland (1917). Gift of the author.
- CHURCH OF ENGLAND,
Church Directory and Almanac, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1938. Gifts of the Hon. A. B. Andrews.
- Official Year Book, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1936.* Gifts of Mr. Andrews.
- CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN CANADA,
Year Book, 1936, 1937, 1941. Gifts of Mr. Andrews.
- ERVIN, SPENCER,
History of St. Asaph's Church, Bala, Pennsylvania (typed and bound). Gift of the author.
- TAPLEY, HARRIET E.,
St. Peter's Church in Salem, Massachusetts (Salem, Mass., 1944).
 Gift of Mrs. Samuel G. Babcock.

From the Church Pension Fund, through Bradford B. Locke, Executive Vice-President and a Manager of the Society:

Canadian Synod Journal, 1927; Columbia College Catalogue, 1754-1912; General Convention Journal, 4 copies; History of St. Mark's Church, Minneapolis; Who's Who in America, 9 vols.

From the Rev. Dr. Franklin J. Clark, Secretary of the General Convention and a Manager of the Society: General Convention and various Diocesan Journals, together with other items of much value.

From the *Southern Churchman*, through the Rev. Dr. G. MacLaren Brydon, a Manager of the Society: *Journals* and other historical materials, including a *History of the Diocese of Louisiana*.

From the Estate of the late Bishop Rowe, through his biographer, Bishop Jenkins: Bishop Rowe's *Diaries*, and other documents.

From the Estate of the late Bishop Frank E. Wilson, of Eau Claire: Various documents of importance, notably those in connection with the *Torok Case*, and negotiations with the Presbyterians.

From the Estate of the late Rev. Dr. William S. Slack, Recorder Ordinations: An assortment of helpful material.

From the Corporation for the Relief of Widows and Children of Clergymen in the State of New Jersey: The original book of *Minutes*, from its inception to 1861.

Many newspaper clippings of biographies of laymen and laywomen have been received.

Many more items might be cited—historical and biographical brochures, services of consecration of bishops—but those named give a general idea of the continuing growth of our accessions and of the increasing realization by the Church at large that the Society is the vigilant as well as the official repository for the valuable documents bearing upon the history of our Church.

We recognize with appreciation the genial cooperation of Dean Evans and his staff, and here record our thanks for their help.

GEORGE WOODWARD LAMB,
Librarian.

January 18, 1945.

George Woodward Lamb

CITATION FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF DIVINITY: HONORIS CAUSA

¶“George Woodward Lamb was born in Howard County, Maryland, but received Holy Orders in the Diocese of Milwaukee from Bishop Knight and Bishop Nicholson respectively. From 1890 to 1899 he was in charge of churches in Wisconsin, and from 1899 to 1937 in Pennsylvania.

¶“In the latter year he retired from the pastoral ministry to become Librarian and Treasurer of the Church Historical Society. In this position he has performed a notable service for the Church, building up a treasure house of material for the history of the American Church. Many records from the Church Missions House in New York have been transferred to Mr. Lamb’s oversight in Philadelphia, with the result that the Library of the Church Historical Society, now housed at our Divinity School, has won recognition as the official depository for records of our national Church. The growth and expansion of the Church Historical Society has been greatly furthered by Mr. Lamb’s unrelenting efforts, and a large share of the commendation given to the Society by General Convention is directly applicable to him. Scattered and fragmentary, but very precious, documents throwing light upon the early days of the Church in this country, have been collated and permanently preserved by Mr. Lamb for generations to come. For this service of national scope and interest our Church, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, is in debt to Mr. Lamb, and the Philadelphia Divinity School counts it a privilege to bestow upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.”

DON'T DISCARD VALUABLE RECORDS

The following appeal from the New York Historical Society asking us to use care in discarding old papers in the salvage campaign lest valuable historical and genealogical records, letters, autographs, pamphlets, etc., be destroyed, is timely and applicable to all who are interested in furthering the study of the history of the American Episcopal Church:

HISTORICAL SOCIETY VS. RAGMAN

A Plea for Sanity in Paper Salvage

"Over a period of twenty years our late director, Mr. Alexander J. Wall, waged a campaign against the wanton 'destruction (in the name of paper salvage) of old family papers, books and records.' His first public effort to educate people to the duty of preserving historical records was the advertising campaign of 1922 . . . which pled the cause of the historical society vs. the ragman. Ten years later we find him still lamenting that 'every day records are burned or thrown away which might be saved if historical societies could afford to employ field agents to seek them out and ask for them.' Still ten years later, observing that 'folks seem to think it a patriotic duty to turn over all the old things they have to make more paper and . . . send their records and papers for destruction,' Mr. Wall admonished us again 'to be on the alert against this sort of destruction in this war.'

"Paper salvage, within reason, is one way to help the war effort; but if all our historical records had gone for salvage in past wars, we would have no national character worth fighting for in this. Just as, without personal memory, that progressive integration of experience which produces character in the individual would be impossible, so, without national memory, there could be no integration of character in a people. Historical records are the memory of nations.

"In the words of President Roosevelt:

"To bring together the records of the past and house them in buildings where they will be preserved for the use of men living in the future, a nation must believe in three things. It must believe

in the past. It must believe in the future. It must, above all, believe in the capacity of its people so to learn from the past that they can gain in judgment for the creation of the future.'

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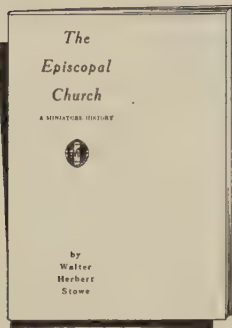
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